

Throughout his life, Ed Sarfaty has been defined by his dedication, willingness to serve, and patriotism. From his military service during World War II to his endless community involvement in Florida today, Mr. Sarfaty has exemplified selflessness and patriotism. I am grateful for the continued friendship of Ed and his wife, Sydelle. I am proud to join the Lake Worth West Democratic Club in honoring Mr. Sarfaty and in thanking him and all those who gave so much to ensure our freedom.

HONORING MS. TEOLA SANDERS

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 2, 2015

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life and service of Ms. Teola Sanders, and I commend her fifty years of impassioned leadership and unyielding volunteerism to the East Bay community. Ms. Sanders' dedication to Bay Area women's rights, horticulture, arts and humanities, reflects the lasting legacy of her service.

Ms. Sanders was born in Mansfield, Louisiana in 1931 and was the oldest of four children. In 1938, the family relocated to Oakland, California. Ms. Sanders attended Oakland Public Schools and was a proud graduate of Oakland Technical High School. In 1951, she met Jeff Sanders and from this union three children were born: Tori, Andre, and Jay.

Ms. Sanders completed community college courses before obtaining her Real Estate License. For 27 years, she worked for the Shorenstein Company (formerly Milton Meyer and Company), one of the country's oldest and most respected real estate organizations. Her tremendous leadership led to her appointment as the company's lead organizer for political and humanitarian events throughout the San Francisco Bay Area.

Extremely passionate about local politics, Ms. Sanders was a founding member of Black Women Organized for Political Action (BWOPA). One of BWOPA's first major successes was helping elect Ronald V. Dellums to the United States Congress in 1971. Ms. Sanders' passion for political activism continued and she was appointed to serve on numerous boards, including the Commission of the Deputy Chief of Protocol by Oakland Mayor Elihu Harris, and the Horticultural Commission by Governor Jerry Brown. She was also the Founding President of Today's Women, Inc., and a founding member of the Black Filmmakers Hall of Fame.

Ms. Sanders' life was dedicated to the service of others. She generously donated her time to the Oakland Museum, the Oakland Symphony, the African American Museum and Library Coalition, the American Red Cross and many other humanitarian organizations.

Ultimately, Ms. Sanders was blessed to live a full life with no regrets. A loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend, Ms. Sanders will truly be missed. But we can rest assured knowing her lasting memory of love and wisdom will continue to guide all those who knew and loved her.

Today, California's 13th Congressional District salutes the legacy of Ms. Teola Sanders, and her contributions which have truly impacted countless lives throughout the Bay Area. I join all of Ms. Sanders' loved ones in celebrating her incredible life and offer my most sincere condolences.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF DANIEL R. JENSEN

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 2, 2015

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Daniel R. Jensen. As president of DNC Parks & Resorts at Yosemite, Dan Jensen has been responsible for overseeing lodging, food service, retail, transportation and guest services for Yosemite's 4+ million visitors each year. Representing the single largest concession contract in the National Park System, the Yosemite operation includes such diverse locations as The Ahwahnee and the High Sierra Camps, and activities from Nordic and downhill skiing at Badger Pass to interpretative services.

Dan returned to Yosemite in 2006 after having worked for Yosemite Park & Curry Co. from 1979 to 1992. In addition to his 22 years of Yosemite experience, he has served as a consultant/owner engaged in development of themed concepts domestically and internationally. He also has an extensive career in theme parks, serving as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Universal Studios Japan. Prior to joining Universal Studios Japan, Dan served as Executive Vice President of Universal Orlando.

Dan began his career with Price Waterhouse, headquartered in Los Angeles, where he had a large number of Fortune 500 clients and spent part of his career in South Africa. Dan holds an MBA from UCLA and a BA in Economics from UC Riverside, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

He is on the Board of Trustees and the Council of the Yosemite Conservancy, president of the Yosemite/Mariposa Tourism Bureau, a member of the UC Merced Board of Trustees, an active supporter of NatureBridge and a frequent participant in board meetings and other activities and a member of numerous partner groups in support of Yosemite.

Dan and his wife Suzanne were born and raised in the central California town of Visalia. They have a lifelong attachment to Yosemite that they share with their two children, having raised them in Yosemite before moving to Orlando, FL in 1992. Dan's enthusiasm for Yosemite has been a recurring theme throughout his career and his interest in park challenges insures an insightful and compassionate voice on issues affecting Yosemite's visitors and the people who serve them.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Daniel R. Jensen in the celebration of his hard work and achievements. It is with great pride that I thank him for his service and lasting contributions to Yosemite National Park.

HONORING THE LA VERNE/SAN DIMAS VFW POST 12034

HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 2, 2015

Ms. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the dedicated and selfless work of the distinguished La Verne/San Dimas Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 12034. VFW Post 12034, known as the "Band of Brothers," provides Honor Guard service for Veterans Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and other civic ceremonies in my district.

Post 12034's Honor Guard helps us to recognize and pay solemn tribute to our veterans by providing Honor Guard for over one hundred military funerals every year. VFW Post 12034's Honor Guard has travelled thousands of miles to honor the sacrifice of servicemembers—men and women—who preserved the freedoms we too often take for granted.

Because of VFW 12034 Band of Brothers' enduring service and sacrifice to honor a debt we can never fully repay, but a debt we must honor, these distinguished patriots have been recognized as an "All-State" and an "All-American" Veterans of Foreign Wars Post.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues today to join me and the residents of the 32nd District of California in acknowledging and thanking VFW Post 12034 for their commitment to the values that drive our brave men and women in uniform—the noble values of honor, respect, courage, and selflessness.

MISSOURI CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL TURNS 40

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 2, 2015

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Missouri City Middle School, a great Texas school, on its 40th anniversary.

This year marks 40 years of educating, learning, and helping our children succeed. A lot has changed since this school opened its doors in 1975 but one thing has remained the same—Missouri City Middle School's commitment to excellence. It has remained a great place for our future leaders to learn and grow. Thank you to the many teachers and faculty members who've worked so hard to make MCMS great throughout the years. Without a dedicated team, our Missouri City Cougars wouldn't be thriving like they are today.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations to Missouri City Middle School on 40 successful years of educating our leaders of tomorrow.

THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK REFORM AND REAUTHORIZATION ACT (H.R. 597)

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 2, 2015

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the Export-Import Bank Reform and Reauthorization Act, and I applaud the triumph of democracy over ideology that it represents.

The Export-Import Bank is, and always has been, about jobs. It's about the ability of U.S. companies of all sizes to grow their business by exporting their products, and to compete on a level playing field with their foreign competitors in global markets—many of whom continue to receive export financing from any one of the 85 foreign export credit agencies still operating around the world. The only companies hurt by the far right's crusade against the Export-Import Bank are our own companies, employing American workers, manufacturing products stamped "Made in the USA."

That didn't make sense in July, when the Export-Import Bank's charter was allowed to expire—and it doesn't make sense now. Which is why I am very pleased that a bipartisan majority in the House of Representatives is at long last saying "enough is enough." I'm proud to be a part of that bipartisan majority, and I call on the Senate to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank without delay.

IN HONOR OF NOW-NYC'S 35TH ANNUAL SUSAN B. ANTHONY AWARDS

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 2, 2015

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the women who are receiving the 2015 Susan B. Anthony award from the New York City chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW-NYC) for their efforts in promoting equal rights for women. Each year, NOW-NYC recognizes grassroots activists who have worked to improve the lives of women and girls in New York City. This year's honorees are Kimberlé Williams Crenshaw, Krystal C., and Tamar Kraft-Stolar.

Committed to giving women a voice, NOW-NYC strives to promote reproductive rights, empower women economically, and end the violence and discrimination that women face. The organization provides a myriad of resources for issues relating to housing, police misconduct, and child-custody. NOW-NYC is a leading advocate of women's rights and a force for justice. Among other things, their volunteers escort women to reproductive health clinics, advocate for legislation such as anti-trafficking provisions and lead open discussions on the status of women in politics today. As the largest NOW chapter in the country, NOW-NYC plays a fundamental role in shaping the local and national debate on women's issues.

Kimberlé Williams Crenshaw, author of four groundbreaking reports on African American

women and the unique struggles they face in America, has received national acclaim for the attention she draws to the challenges women of color face. Professor Crenshaw, a law professor at UCLA and Columbia, is a leading theorist on Black feminism and civil rights. An advocate for a gender-inclusive approach to racial justice, she is also the co-founder and Executive Director of the African American Policy Forum, a gender and racial justice think tank. Professor Crenshaw is co-author of the groundbreaking reports, *Black Girls Matter: Pushed Out, Overpoliced and Underprotected*, and *Say Her Name: Resisting Police Brutality Against Black Women*.

Former New York Jets cheerleader turned women's rights activist, Krystal C., is taking a stand against unfair wage practices by professional football teams. As a Jets cheerleader, she was paid just \$150 per game and \$100 per special event, and was not compensated for practice time, training camp and other appearances. Based on hours actually worked, she was receiving only \$3.77 an hour, significantly below the state's minimum wage. She was also required to incur out-of-pocket expenses for motivational gifts, uniform maintenance and hair straightening. Krystal filed a class action lawsuit against the Jets.

Tamar Kraft-Stolar, Co-Director of the Women and Justice Project (WJP), is committed to advocating on behalf of women who are imprisoned. WJP is dedicated to ending the mass incarceration of women. Before joining WJP, she managed the Correctional Association of New York's Women in Prison Project for over a decade. As a leader on incarceration reform, Ms. Kraft-Stolar spearheaded the very successful campaign to pass legislation ending the shackling of incarcerated women during childbirth.

Additionally Miyhosi Benton, Bridgette Gibbs, Ursulina Miranda, Tina Tinen, and Maria Ventura are being recognized for their efforts to end the inhumane practice of shackling incarcerated pregnant women in New York.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring NOW-NYC and the 2015 Susan B. Anthony Award recipients for their perseverance and advocacy in the fight to end injustice and ensure equality for women.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF JUAN FELIPE HERRERA

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 2, 2015

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the work and celebrate the achievements of United States Poet Laureate, Juan Felipe Herrera. Mr. Herrera is a California native and the first Latino in history to become a Poet Laureate. He took up his duties of Poet Laureate this fall by opening Hispanic Heritage Month at the Library of Congress with a reading of one of his works.

Mr. Herrera succeeds Charles Wright as the 21st Poet Laureate and joins a long line of distinguished poets who have served in the position, including the late Philip Levine who was a Fresno native and former professor at the California State University, Fresno. Mr. Herrera was previously appointed as California

Poet Laureate by Governor Jerry Brown and served from 2012–2015.

Born in Fowler, California in 1948 to migrant farmworker parents, Mr. Herrera spent his early life living in tents and trailers with his family throughout the San Joaquin Valley and the Salinas Valley following the seasonal crops. His experience as a campesino has strongly influenced his works. Traveling from the San Joaquin Valley to San Diego's Logan Heights and San Francisco's Mission District gave him three distinct California experiences, which is where he draws his inspiration from. Growing up in the '60s and attending college in the '70s during the Chicano Movement inspired Mr. Herrera and his writing style, which fuses wide-ranging experimentalism with reflections on Mexican-American identity.

Mr. Herrera graduated from San Diego High School in 1967 and was one of the first waves of Latinos to receive the Educational Opportunity Program scholarship to attend the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). He received a Bachelor's degree in Social Anthropology from UCLA, a Master's degree in Social Anthropology from Stanford University, and a Master's of Fine Arts degree at the University of Iowa Writer's Workshop. He has worked as a poet for over 40 years throughout California at various colleges, universities, migrant camps, continuation high schools, juvenile halls, and prisons.

Among his many works Mr. Herrera is the author of 28 books of poetry, novels for young adults, and collections for children. He published his first collection of poems, *Rebozos of Love* in 1974 and some of his subsequent work includes *Exiles of Desire* (1985), *Border-Crosser* with a Lamorghini Dream (1999), and *Senegal Taxi* (2013). Mr. Herrera has also published 11 young adult and children's books, including *The Upside Down Boy* (2000), which was adopted into a musical and most recently *Portraits of Hispanic American Heroes* (2014), a picture book showcasing inspiring Hispanic and Latino Americans.

Mr. Herrera's honors include fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts, two Latino Hall of Fame Poetry Awards, and a PEN Open Book Award. He has also received the PEN USA National Poetry Award, PEN Oakland Josephine Miles Award, two Américas Awards, two Pura Belpré Author Honor Awards, the Independent Publisher Book Award, the Ezra Jack Keats Award, and fellowships from the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference and the Stanford University Chicano Fellows.

Among his writing and social activism, Mr. Herrera also served as Chancellor for the Academy of American Poets in 2011. He has served as the Chair of the Chicano and Latin American Studies Department at California State University, Fresno, and also held the Tomás Rivera Endowed Chair in the Creative Writing Department at the University of California, Riverside, where he taught until retiring in 2015.

Since his retirement, Mr. Herrera has become a visiting professor in the Department of American Ethnic Studies at the University of Washington-Seattle. He currently resides in Fresno, with his five children and his partner, fellow poet, and performance artist, Margarita Robles.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me as we honor and celebrate